

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 2-4, 6 and 12-13 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~12~~ 14, ~~further comprising wherein the displacement device includes~~ a drawer configured to receive the first holding element.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein in the collection position of the first holding element the first receptacle is flush with an upper plane defined by the contamination shielding panel.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein in the collection position of the first holding element at least a portion of the first receptacle penetrates through the opening so as to project beyond an upper plane defined by the contamination shielding panel.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein the first receptacle comprises a cover that is joined via a tab to a lower part; the cover defines a receptacle opening; and the cover is attached to the first holding element in such a way that the receptacle opening faces substantially in the direction of the contamination shielding panel.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the first receptacle includes a receptacle opening, and wherein at least a portion of the first holding element is movable generally upwardly from a first position into the collection

position so that the receptacle opening is substantially parallel to the contamination shielding panel.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 2, wherein the first holding element is disposed pivotably in the drawer; and further comprising a rod disposed in the drawer and defining an axis about which the first holding element is pivotable.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein first holding element comprises a first and a second part; a depression that constitutes a bearing about the rod is configured in the holding element; and a center of gravity lies in the first part of the holding element.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein a mount that is configured to receive and retain the first receptacle is provided on the first part of the first holding element.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein the first part of the first holding element includes a stop and the drawer includes a counterelement configured to limit a movement of the stop so as to limit the pivoting of the first holding element about the axis.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein the first holding element includes a depression, the first holding element being removably supported on the rod at the depression so as to be removable from the drawer without assembly work.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An apparatus for receiving microdissected specimens on an X-Y stage, the apparatus comprising:

at least one a first and a second receptacle for collection;
a contamination shielding panel defining an opening configured to pass a microdissected specimen to the ~~at least one receptacle~~ first and second receptacles, the contamination shielding panel and a stage surface of the X-Y stage defining a displacement space therebetween;

and

~~a first holding element~~ a displacement device configured to receive a first of the at least one receptacle the first holding element being displaceable the first and second receptacles and displace the first and second receptacles in the displacement space relative to the opening so as to bring the first receptacle and second receptacles one at a time into a collection position in an alignment with the opening, the respective first or second receptacle being covered by the contamination shielding panel when not in the collection position.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~12~~ 14, ~~further comprising wherein the displacement device includes~~ a second holding element configured to receive ~~a second of the at least one~~ the second receptacle and being displaceable in the displacement space relative to the opening so as to bring the second receptacle into the collection position in the alignment with the opening.

Claim 14 (new): The apparatus as defined in Claim 12, wherein the displacement device includes a first holding element configured to receive the first receptacle, the first holding element being displaceable in the displacement space relative to the opening so as to bring the first receptacle into the collection position in the alignment with the opening.